

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of San Luis Obispo, State of California

_____ day _____, 20____

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CUYAMA VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN BOUNDARY MODIFICATION REQUEST BY THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER AGENCY TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, in 2014, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) published its Final California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Basin Prioritization results, designating five groundwater basins located in whole or in part within the County of San Luis Obispo as high or medium priority basins: Paso Robles, Santa Maria, Los Osos, San Luis Obispo Valley, and Cuyama Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-13) underlies four counties (Santa Barbara, Ventura, Kern and San Luis Obispo) and is designated as a medium priority basin; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Santa Barbara County Water Agency (SBCWA) and the United States Geologic Survey completed a comprehensive study of the water resources in the Cuyama Valley, which resulted in a refined understanding of the basin boundary based on geology, hydrogeology and water quality data; and

WHEREAS, California Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 (2014), and Assembly Bill 1739 (2014), signed by the Governor in September 2014 and effective as of January 1, 2015, together comprise the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires local agencies to manage groundwater in high and medium priority basins “in a manner that can be maintained during the planning and implementation horizon without causing undesirable results” (Water Code § 10721(v)); and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2015, the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of both the County of San Luis Obispo and the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, adopted a SGMA strategy and directed staff to implement the policy—focusing resources on implementation in high and medium priority basins first; and

WHEREAS, among SGMA's first statutory deadlines is the deadline for DWR to update its Bulletin 118 Report and modify basin boundaries as needed to reflect DWR-approved scientific and jurisdictional information; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2015, in accordance with Water Code §§ 10722.2 and 12924, DWR adopted regulations regarding the information that must be submitted by a local agency in support of a request to modify the current Bulletin 118 boundaries (23 CCR §§ 340 et seq.) (DWR Boundary Regulations); and

WHEREAS, Section 344.4 of the DWR Boundary Regulations requires that each request for a boundary modification include information demonstrating that the requesting agency has consulted with "affected agencies" and "affected systems," as defined in the DWR Boundary Regulations; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2015, the SBCWA Board of Directors passed Resolution No. 15-297, authorizing the SBCWA to act as the requesting agency to conduct the process to modify the current Bulletin 118 boundaries of the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin consistent with the 2014 study discussed above; and

WHEREAS, the SBCWA is especially suited to submit the boundary modification request to DWR given the agency's extensive study of the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin and its history of coordination with basin users and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 344.4 of the DWR Boundary Regulations, on December 28, 2015, the SBCWA, as the requesting agency sent correspondence to County staff describing its proposed modification request (with reference to supporting documentation) and seeking comments and formal resolutions in support of or in opposition to said request; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 344.8 of the DWR Boundary Regulations, an affected local agency that elects to support or oppose a proposed boundary modification shall provide the requesting agency with either a resolution formally adopted by the decision-making body of the affected agency or a letter signed by an executive officer or other official with appropriate delegated authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, that:

1. For the portion of the basin within San Luis Obispo County, the County of San Luis Obispo supports the request for a basin boundary modification to the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-13) by the Santa Barbara County Water Agency as described in its correspondence to County staff dated December 28, 2015 and as depicted on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. The Director of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to provide a signed copy of this Resolution to the Santa Barbara County Water Agency.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINING:

the foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted on the ____ day of _____, 20____.

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

[SEAL]

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

RITA L. NEAL
County Counsel

By: _____

Deputy County Counsel

Dated: January 22, 2016

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of San Luis Obispo, ss.

I, _____, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order made by the Board of Supervisors, as the same appears spread upon their minute book.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board of Supervisors, affixed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

(SEAL)

County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy Clerk.

EXHIBIT A
MAP OF PROPOSED BOUNDARY

